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1. IN A COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED JANUARY 14, SOCIALIST PARTY NOTED WITHOUT COMMENT CERTAIN VIEWS OF RUBEN BERRIOS, PRESIDENT OF THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY (PIP). UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS:

"FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY, RECENTLY RECEIVED RUBEN BERRIOS, PRESIDENT OF THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDECE PARTY. LIONEL JOSPIN, PS NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR THIRD WORLD QUESTIONS, REPRESENTED THE SOCIALIST PARTY AT THE CONGRESS OF THE PIP IN JULY 1976. RUBEN BERRIOS EXPRESSED TO HIS INTERLOCUTOR HIS WORRY RELATIVE TO THE DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT FORD FAVORING THE INTERGRATION OF PUERTO RICO AS THE 51ST STATE OF THE UNION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE FIVE LONGEST CONDEMNED POLITICAL PRISONERS OF THE CONTINENT WERE PUERTO RICANS. THEY HAVE BEEN KEPT IMPRISONED FOR 25 YEARS AND (HE ASKED), THAT

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A HUMANITARIAN ACTION BE UNDERTAKEN."

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